

Sub C57 polypeptide.

34. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein said isolated polypeptide further comprises a heterologous amino acid sequence.

35. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein said heterologous amino acid sequence is the amino acid sequence of a human immunoglobulin constant domain.

Sub C58 36. (New) A method of detecting Sjögren's disease comprising, contacting an isolated polypeptide comprising amino acids 4 to 45 of SEQ ID NO:2 with a biological sample and assaying for binding of neutrokin- α to said isolated polypeptide.

37. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein said isolated polypeptide further comprises a heterologous amino acid sequence.

38. (New) The method of claim 37, wherein said heterologous amino acid sequence is the amino acid sequence of a human immunoglobulin constant domain.

Sub C59 39. (New) A method of detecting Sjögren's disease comprising, contacting an isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 with a biological sample and assaying for binding of an antibody that binds specifically to said isolated polypeptide.

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Sub C60 41. (New) A method of detecting Sjögren's disease comprising, contacting an isolated polypeptide comprising an antigenic epitope of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 with a biological sample and assaying for binding of an antibody that binds specifically to said isolated polypeptide.

42. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein said antigenic epitope comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) amino acids 9 to 13 in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (b) amino acids 28 to 31 in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (c) amino acids 49 to 52 in SEQ ID NO:2;
- (d) amino acids 105 to 111 in SEQ ID NO:2;

- (e) amino acids 133 to 142 in SEQ ID NO:2; and
- (f) amino acids 160 to 166 in SEQ ID NO:2.

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43. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein said isolated polypeptide further comprises a heterologous amino acid sequence.
